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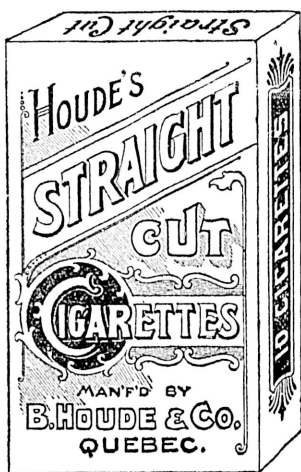
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Where British Soldiers Dear-
ly Bought Renown.

Boer Prisoners Tell of Their
Desperate Case With Death
at Every Turn.

For Once There Was No Safety
in Flight—Deadly Rain of
Shrapnel.

London, Dec. 21.—The correspondent
of the Times describing the battlefield
of Elandslaagte realistically details the
horrors of war. He writes:
"The battle field as it stood on Sun-
day conveyed sufficient proof of the
severity of the fight. The wounded had
been removed by daylight, but the burial
parties had not arrived to perform the
last duties to the dead. The men lay
there as they had fallen, a sad pathetic
tribute to the courage of the British
soldier. As we followed this tragic trail
we found Highlanders, Manchester and

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bets; 2 Children's High Chairs; Baby Cart; Oak
and Walnut Bureaus and Washstands;
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Edge and Top Mattresses; Toilet Sets; Iron
Bedstead; Maple Bed Set; Vienna Bed;
Wood and other Chairs; Cutlery; Glass-
ware; China; Dinner Service; Crockery;
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Scales; 7 Doz. Blar Pipes; splendid lot
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excellent quality and will be sold entirely
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1,000 BRANDON & GOLDEN
CROWN 30
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1,000 PAYNE 1 1/2
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Mounted Volunteers lying indiscrimi-
nately grouped. The solitary figures under
the stones showed how little the cover
had availed them. There were places
where wire fences had impeded the ad-
vance; here the carriage had been girt
and one brave fellow stooped in death,
cut off, as he strove to wrench a post
from its foundation.

"On the skyline out of the table land
the dead lay thickest, this being the main
spot where the attack had been checked,
but the white flag was already there and
strings of coolies digging the trench
which is too often the soldiers' resting
place.

"We drove back to the Boer position,
a little kopje where Schiel and his
twenty-three men had made their
stand. The bodies of the 15 that had
fallen of this little band were grouped
as death had taken them. Some lay with
heads sunk upon their rifle stocks,
fighting to the end, another had died with
his fingers pressing a charge into his
magazine. What remained of the larger
was a litter of shell fire. Wagons were
splintered and overturned, foodstuffs, dead
horses and explosives lay in wrecked pro-
fusion. There remained no doubt that
our shell fire had played upon the posi-
tion with full effect, and one could only
marvel that the Boers had stood to their
guns so long. But as one of the wound-
ed prisoners told me, later in the day,
there was no room to retreat, the ex-
tended files of the Manchester Regiment
overlapping the reverse of the kopje and
sweeping the northern front path, while
the rain of shrapnel destroyed every liv-
ing thing on the western slopes; and the
scene at the farm house nestling at the
foot of the ridge on the far side, bore out
this statement. It was here that the
Boers had brought their dead horses for
cover and carcasses lay piled on every
side. The slaughter amongst the horses
must almost have been as heavy as that
of the men."

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their half asleep drivers. They came
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the advance party of whom fired into the
bus, believing in the darkness that it
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animals and they dashed through the
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single mounting.

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mounted men took a position on the far
side of the two hills commanding the
kopje from the west. About 9 o'clock
these two parties had crossed the hill
and opened a heavy fire at short range,
right down the plateau. Our men made
a plucky attempt to return this fire, but
it was impossible; they were under a
cross-fire from two directions, flank and
rear. The two companies of the Glou-
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as they crossed the open plateau they
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The Mules'
Stampede.

Details at Last Received of
the Night Misadventure at
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Frightened Pack Animals Mis-
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Navy Taking Precautions.

Steamboats Entering Esquimalt Harbor Will Be Required to Give a Signal.

Bark Reported Ashore Near Bonilla Point Was Not the Overdue Colusa.

The naval authorities at Esquimalt are enforcing more new regulations, looking to the protection of the dockyard and drydock. Yesterday it was told how they had doubled the guards and sentries and it is now learned that as a further precaution the harbor-master has been notified to instruct steamboat captains that they will have to give a certain signal before being allowed to enter the harbor.

NOT THE COLUSA.

Bark Which Was in Trouble Off Bonilla Point Was the Vidette.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—There is little hope for the bark Colusa, which has been reported foundered off Vancouver Island. One thing is certain, and that is it was not the Colusa which was seen by the light-house crew at Point Bonilla. It is now known that the vessel was the bark Vidette, now at Redondo.

CHANGE IN CAPTAINS.

Resignation of One Brings Promotion to Rest of Puget Sound Tugboat Company's Masters.

Port Townsend, Dec. 21.—It is semi-officially announced that several important changes have been made in the tugboat company of the Puget Sound Tugboat Company. The retirement of Capt. Frank Clinger from command of the tug Holyoke has brought about the promotion of Capt. John Bolling, whose place on the Tacoma has been taken by Capt. H. H. Morrison, of the tug Magic. William Drisko, chief officer of the latter, will probably succeed Capt. Morrison.

MARINE NOTES.

The few remaining vessels of the last sailing fleet will go out this season will not sail until after the Christmas holidays. The Teresa, Capt. Meyer, cleared yesterday for the West Coast.

The Charmer was three hours late in arriving from Vancouver last evening, having been delayed by the late arrival of the overland train from the East. In order to accommodate increasing business, the C. P. N. Company has decided that hereafter the company's steamers returning from Northern British Columbia ports shall make Vancouver a port of call en route to Victoria.

The wrecked schooner Hera, which sank at the mouth of Clayoquot harbor after having burned to the waters edge, and what may remain of the general cargo will be sold at auction under the direction of Collector A. R. Milne.

Ship Yosemite, lumber-laden from Chemainus went to Port Angeles yesterday to secure a crew.

The Tonic of the White Star line arrived at New York at 9 a.m. yesterday.

S. S. Minicola from Port Los Angeles for Nanaimo to load return cargo of coal due today.

S. S. Wellington, from San Francisco to load at Departure Bay is due tomorrow.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

Two Important Matches for Which Victoria Teams Are Preparing.

"Victorians" are making great preparations for the senior Association Football Cup match to be played in the Caledonia grounds on Saturday, Dec. 30, against the Garrison. The Garrison seem confident of winning and have over Football cup match to be played on the games against the local clubs and navy teams this year. The intermediate team of the Victorians has also to meet the Columbian in the initial game for the Intermediate cup on New Year's Day, also at the Caledonia Grounds. In order to get in trim and pick the teams a general practice of the club has been called for tomorrow afternoon at Beacon hill commencing at 3 o'clock and the club will also practice at Beacon hill on Christmas morning commencing at 10 o'clock. Every member of the club should make a point of attending these practices and getting into good condition for the games.

The first game in the first round of the junior cup series will be played at Beacon hill tomorrow between the Columbian jr. and No. 2 Company Boys' Brigade. This promises to be a most interesting game for not only is it the first time these teams have come together this season but the strongest in the league, the junior Columbian never having been defeated this season, and the Boys' Brigade who are at present champions, have been defeated but once. The teams are as follows:

Boys' Brigade—Goal, Lovelidge; backs, Houghton and A. Belyea; half backs, Cullen, Temple, and Rosecamp; forwards, Edmonds, Anderson, Hogg, Ross and Finlaison. Colors white and blue.

Columbian—Goal, McKilligan; backs, Blackbourne and O'Kelly; half backs, Kinloch, Wales and Swedland; forwards, Kinloch, Gibson, Wiggins, Kroger and McArthur. Colors red and white.

Referee, Mr. A. Rutherford.

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False modesty causes many people to endure in silence the greatest misery imaginable from itching piles. One application of Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment will soothe and ease the itching, one box will cure the worst case of itching, bleeding, or protruding piles. You have no risk in trying Dr. A. W. Chase's Ointment. It is guaranteed to cure piles.

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Large reductions in all lines.
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Paso Robles for health
Baths in the mineral mud and sulphur springs. Drink the sparkling soda water. Rest in perfect comfort and regain health and strength. Write for booklet.
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Pullman cars at the door.

Finance and Commerce

STOCKS IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 21.—The stock market had to carry another heavy load of liquidation today. Trade was on a smaller scale than on any previous day this week, but the market was feverish and unsettled throughout, fluctuating constantly. The principal selling pressure came from London, where the money difficulty was aggravated by renewed apprehension over the safety of British troops in South Africa and the advance official discount rate of the Bank of France. Closing prices:

A. C. O.	133 1/2
Am. Tob.	87 1/2
Am. Sugar 121 1/2	
Am. Steel 113 1/2	
Am. C. & P. 33 1/2	
Atch. all paid. 17 1/2	
Atch. pfd. 76 1/2	
A. S. & W. 40 1/2	
B. & O. pfd. 40 1/2	
B. & O. 70 1/2	
B. R. T. 64 1/2	
D. & R. G. pfd. 65 1/2	
D. S. & A. 54 1/2	
D. S. & A. pfd. 12 1/2	
Gen. Steel 47 1/2	
Gen. Steel pfd. 118 1/2	
G. E. 11 1/2	
L. E. & W. 20 1/2	
L. & N. 74 1/2	
M. & N. 36 1/2	
Met. Trade 153 1/2	
Nat. Lead. 23 1/2	
C. P. 87 1/2	
Can. Pac. 117 1/2	
C. B. & Q. 92 1/2	
Chic. & N. W. 150 1/2	
C. R. I. & P. 103 1/2	
S. Paul. 114 1/2	
Con. Tob. 180 1/2	
Cons. Gas, N. Y. 180 1/2	
N. Y. 37 1/2	
Colo. Fuel & Iron. 170 1/2	
D. L. & W. 113 1/2	
D. & H. 127 1/2	
N. Y. C. & H. 43 1/2	
N. Y. C. & H. W. 20 1/2	
N. Y. C. com. new. 37 1/2	
P. & M. 53 1/2	
Pressed Steel com. 17 1/2	
S. R. & R. all paid. 183 1/2	
S. R. & R. com. 17 1/2	
Sou. Pac. 33 1/2	
T. C. & L. 75 1/2	
T. C. & L. pfd. 13 1/2	
T. C. & L. com. 40 1/2	
U. P. com. 41 1/2	
U. P. pfd. 70 1/2	
Wabash pfd. 195 1/2	
W. U. 85 1/2	

PRODUCE AT CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The leading futures closed as follows: Wheat—Dec. 60 1/2 c. May 60 1/2 c. July 60 1/2 c. Corn—Dec. 30 1/2 c. May 30 1/2 c. July 30 1/2 c. Oats—Dec. 22 1/2 c. May 24 c. July 24 c.

LONDON'S PATRIOTISM.

One Hundred Thousand Volunteers Could Be Raised in the Metropolis.

London, Dec. 6.—As I write it is a traditional November day (although in December). Damp, foggy, dull sort of weather that makes you want to go home and sit over the fire and read "Punch." I always associated Dickens with the winter. He draws such pictures of blazing fires and cosy corners; of rain and wind without, and comfort and peace within, that I always felt inclined to fall back upon him on a dull winter's day. The Christmas is close at hand, and already the various carriers are getting so busy that they cannot give definite promises about the delivery of goods and parcels. Turkeys, Xmas puddings, plum puddings seem to be literally floating in the air. Cards and Christmas boxes for Canada, cards and puddings for the Cape, parcels of all kinds for Tommy, parcels for Sgt. Major Brown, Corporal Murphy, Private McDonald, Bugler Evans. No doubt, also, parcels for the Garrison, the Garrison, the Garrison. None of them are forgotten.

There will be enough plum puddings in Capetown on Xmas Day to give the whole British Army indigestion for a week.

At the Cape, it is of course mid-summer at Xmas, but getting into the hottest time of the year. People here, with hazy ideas of geography, find this hard to realize. They are so accustomed to associating Xmas with frost and snow that Xmas in the summer seems a contradiction.

The patriotism of the British people is only to be equaled by the wooden-headedness of the war office and Horse Guards officials. They know that the Boers were practically all mounted in infantry and artillery. They knew that to successfully meet the Boers, principally cavalry, artillery and above all, irregular volunteer horse should be used, and yet they send battalion after battalion out to fight men that have got horses. The natural result is that when the Boers get licked in one place, they comfortably retire and form again in another.

They wanted to fight the Boers on the Aldershot system, and it can't be done, as any colonial could have told them.

W. STANLEY SHAW.

Actor Roberts Makes a Hit.

His "David Garrick" Rouses Victorians to a Pitch of Wild Enthusiasm.

A Characterization That Has In It the Fire of True Genius.

One and only once during the past three seasons have Victoria theatregoers been so roused from their characteristic, undemonstrative appreciation as they were last night when Mr. H. P. Roberts, the Australian actor, presented the century-old play of "David Garrick"—but in such a way as to magnetize, to electrify it with new life, and make the handful of people in front of the footlights forget all else save the master artist and his art.

It was unquestionably a triumph for Mr. Roberts—unknown, unheralded, a stranger from a distant land—to take the American city of Portland by storm. It was a greater triumph when last night conservative Victoria caught the infection of his genius, and cheered and cheered again in a delirium of enthusiasm.

Such scenes have not been witnessed in this staid, sober city since the great "battle of the sexes" in "Sowing the Wind" compelled a somewhat similar tribute to the mastery of art.

Mr. Roberts' triumph last night was the greater, perhaps, because of the somewhat hackneyed nature of the vehicle of his expression. "David Garrick" is not a new play, far from it. It is a play based upon an actual episode in the career of the great English actor Garrick; and ever since Garrick's day such ambitious followers of the historic calling have in succession favored it with his individuality.

A masterly defence of the people of the mimic, mirror world—a play of mighty opportunities, no wonder is it that Booth and Barrett, McCullough and McDowell, Nat Goodwin and Lawrence Hanley—each has essayed the part, and in it added to his fame.

Last evening it was Mr. Roberts' turn to show that its opportunities are yet far from exhausted. In his hands the Garrick of other days lived again and walked the stage. It was not a mere study intelligently presented—it was such a study vivified with the spark of genius.

The version of the familiar old play chosen by Mr. Roberts for his Victoria triumph is a combination of the Robertson and Musker arrangements, somewhat modified, altered and added by Mr. Roberts himself. It has the same caricature types in Smith, Brown, Jones, Mrs. Smith and Miss Brown as the unchanged Musker version, last presented here by Lawrence Hanley; and gains but little in general dialogue value through the innovations that are made.

Its greatness is derived wholly and entirely from Mr. Roberts' art. To quote from the lips of his own "Garrick": "The words are the noble poet's own—the fire, feeling, passion, force, the man in short." He is he who acts the foibles, Brown as Hamlet, Macbeth, Lear—so Garrick "lives again."

Mr. Roberts of course concentrates his art upon the great third act scene in which he redeems his promise to Ada's father, calling all his talent to aid him in striving to cure his own sweetheart of her love by disgusting her with himself—the promise having been made by him in all ignorance of the identity of the fair patient.

To handle such a scene it demands the most perfect art, and in no faintest particular does the Mansfield of Australasia prove insufficient. His simulated drunkenness is truly magnificent. The hysterical riot of assumed intoxication—the sardonic humor—the fine suggestion and finer scorn—the perfect indication of voice and appropriateness of gesture and position—through all and dominating and the agony of grief, remorse, self-sacrificing love—it is such acting that carries the mind back to Grecian days of honor for its analogies.

No wonder was it that the audience of last night cheered and cheered again—forgetting their traditional cold appreciation—remembering only that they had a genius with them and anxious to do that genius honor. Mr. Roberts had been with "David Garrick" as he played it last night, he would not have had a vacant seat in the house for the remainder of the engagement.

Following the great dramatic bill of the evening was presented a clever farce, "The Chinese Question," in which Mr. Roberts illustrated his extreme versatility by assuming the role of a butcher boy and then a Chinaman. In this farce, too, Miss Moore played a good Irish cook, and the more difficult part of a Chinaman—the latter with considerable spice and daintiness. Her Chinese "assides" and her Irish song, with humorous orchestral accompaniment were the hits of the afterpiece.

The orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. S. W. Driscoll, it may be noted, has shown a marked improvement of late—the musical programme rendered last evening receiving its full share of deserved applause. The overture from "Zampa" (Herold) is a gem, and was faultlessly executed; so also was the selection from "Rikie Rick" (Vendry) which was a veritable Mexican dance, was a dainty bit, very artistically handled indeed. Of the rest of the musical programme it is not too much to say that it reflected highest credit.

Tonight "David Garrick" will be repeated with the afterpiece, and the house will no doubt be more in keeping with the talent of the actor. Those who were present last evening will not fail to advertise his excellence.

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POLITICS IN P. E. ISLAND.

How a Liberal Government Hanes On to Office Against Expressed Wish of People.

The following despatch in the Eastern press respecting the bye-elections recently reported, gives more details of the situation there than hitherto published: "Charlottetown, P.E.I., Dec. 13.—The bye-elections for the provincial house of King's and the fourth district of King's, resulted in the election of A. A. McLean, Q.C., in Queen's by 58 majority, and P. A. Prowse, son of Senator Prowse, in King's, the latter defeating

Attorney-General McKinnon by 31 majority.

The result leaves the house thus: Opposition 15, government 14. It is thought probable that the government will appeal to the country, Fred Peters, one of its supporters, is in British Columbia.

"At the last provincial general election the Liberal government, then led by Fred Peters, won seventeen of the thirty seats, while the Conservative opposition took thirteen. This, with the speaker off, gave the government a majority of three in the house. To vacancies were created in government constituencies—one by the appointment of the attorney-general to a judgeship. The attorney-generalship was given to M. McKinnon, of the fourth district of King's.

"The bye-elections were delayed until the return of Sir Louis Davies from London. That gentleman campaigned in the vacant constituencies on behalf of the government candidates. The defeat of the two ministerialists gives the opposition fifteen members, and leaves the government with but fourteen.

"In addition to this Fred Peters, the late premier, resides in British Columbia now. He has held on to his seat, being afraid to drop it, as the vacancy would be filled by a Conservative. At the last session of the legislature Mr. Peters travelled all the way from Vancouver to Charlottetown to attend the session. The result of the bye-elections leaves the government in a minority of one, and with Mr. Peters absent, in a minority of two. Mr. Farquharson, the Premier, succeeded Mr. Peters in that office a year ago."

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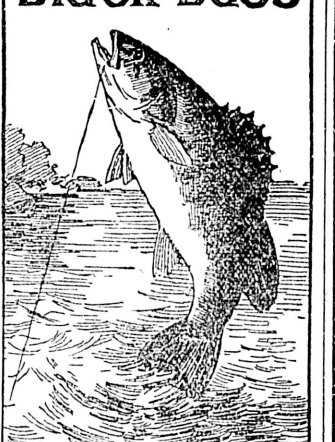
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THE WAR.

The preparations which the Empire is putting forth in order to restore the authority of the British crown over South Africa will have a profound effect not only upon the nation but upon the world at large. Hitherto the British Empire has not been regarded as a leading military power, but from present indications it is likely to take a foremost position in this respect among the nations. The defeat of the Boer forces is a task calling for great energy and patience—a combination not always found in any one people. Long years of prosperity have led the British people to undertake their possible enemies. It is not correct that we went into the Boer campaign with a light heart, but we certainly did not appreciate the magnitude of the difficulties to be encountered, and we are reaping the result of over-confidence in unexpected reverses and vexatious delays. But it is a trait of the British character to grow stronger under a strain and the rule is holding good in this case.

The story of British valor at Colenso is only what would be expected, and a pity of it is that such valiant men must lay down their lives for so little purpose. No one need have any fear that our soldiers will fail in their duty under any circumstances. The only question is as to the ability of our commanders with the forces at their disposal to turn the enemy's positions, which are so strong that to take them by a frontal attack is a task of tremendous difficulty.

The repeated stories of Boer abuses of the flag of truce serve to show how ill-fitted they are as a people to exercise the rights of civilized government.

Every Briton will heartily applaud the determination of the government as expressed by Mr. Gerald Balfour to prosecute the war to a successful issue no matter at what cost.

We assume that the absence of news from the front is to be accounted for by the fact that the commanders of the several columns are preparing plans whereby a direct attack upon the Boer positions can be avoided. Reinforcements are going forward to Gen. Buller from the Cape, from which we infer that no anxiety is felt as to Methuen's column and that the intention is to force the Boer position on the Tugela by a flank movement.

FROM A BUSINESS

POINT OF VIEW.

The discussion at the city council meeting over the Victoria-Chilliwack by-law more than justified the criticisms of the Colonist, which have been directed, not against a railway ferry to the British Columbia Mainland, but to the financial details of the fatherless scheme now submitted in the form of a proposed by-law.

Perusal of the report of the discussion shows that the idea of the aldermen having the proposed by-law in charge is to rush it through with a lot of general allegations as to the benefit of the proposed ferry and railway. Upon this point there may or may not be much difference of opinion. The Colonist has already declared itself in favor of such a connection if it can be obtained in a manner that can be supported from a business point of view. Therefore, in what may be said in these columns hereafter we wish it to be understood that we are addressing our remarks solely to the particular scheme now submitted.

Who are behind this scheme? The question is not of great importance because as far as has been disclosed it seems as if the municipality of the city of Victoria is to pose as the promoter. Alderman Stewart said in so many words that the citizens of Victoria are to be the company, and he is the seconder of the by-law. The proposition is, therefore, that the city of Victoria shall embark in the business of railway construction and management. Are the ratepayers prepared for this? Has the city the legal authority to do so? This consideration emphasizes the force of the point made by Alderman Hayward and Alderman McGregor, when they objected that under the by-law the city is asked to assume an unlimited responsibility.

We have asked who is behind this scheme; but this is not for the purpose of suggesting that some one is going to make money out of it, for we assume this, and it certainly ought to be, true of every enterprise. We ask the question because it is right to know who proposes to charge himself with the responsibility of seeing the project through in case the by-law is carried. That the person or persons, who undertake this, will make something out of it must be taken for granted and that they would do so should be no objection to the scheme. But the ratepayers have a right to know who these people are and how much of their own money they propose to venture in the project. This is important because it is evident that the by-law will be very materially amended. Who is to say whether any one will undertake to put the matter through on the amended by-law. Let the people behind the project come out and declare themselves, and then there will be some chance of finding out something as to details. We do not care who they are, as long as they are persons who will testify their good faith by putting up a reasonable amount

of their own money. There will then be some one to whom the ratepayers can look for information. Here are some of the questions upon which light ought to be cast before this scheme will be before the ratepayers as a business proposition:

Why ask for \$2,000,000 capital, \$509,000 of bonds and \$300,000 of bonus for a railway and ferry that are not to cost more than \$1,500,000?

How much will it cost to acquire the Victoria & Sidney railway, and what is the present earning capacity of that line?

What route is it proposed to follow from Hillside Avenue to the centre of the city?

How is it proposed to cross the depression or depressions to be encountered on the streets, that is, is it proposed to build embankments or trestles?

Are the powers conferred upon municipalities to authorize tramways or other railways to be laid in the streets wide enough to authorize the laying of a steam railway, or must not the expression "other railways" be construed to mean railways similar to tramways?

If the city has the power to give up a street to a railway company, what right, if any, have the owners of abutting property to compensation, and who will be charged with paying that compensation?

What are the details of the cost of the extension of the railway from Hillside Avenue to the centre of the city, that is, how much is put down for construction, how much for right of way and how much for compensation of persons whose property is rendered useless thereby?

What will it cost to put the V. & S. railway into condition to carry transcontinental traffic?

How much is it proposed to expend on terminals in this city, and where are they to be located?

What will it cost to build the ferry terminal at Sidney, and have plans of the same been made?

What evidence is there of the capability of White Rock as a terminal, purpose; how long a wharf will be needed there and what will the cost be?

What data are available as to the cost of a line from White Rock to Chilliwack?

These are reasonable business questions, which the aldermen should require some one to answer before submitting the by-law. We purposely avoid asking for evidence that any one will subscribe the proposed \$100,000 of capital, or that any government bonuses will be forthcoming. These are important matters, but the by-law may be made conditional upon these matters being provided for.

Whether some or all of them should be assured before the city pledges itself to put \$500,000 in the scheme is a matter on which there may be a difference of opinion; but there can be no such difference upon the absolute necessity for information upon the questions asked above, before any one can express an intelligent opinion as to the scheme from a business standpoint. Would not any individual insist on the above questions being answered before investing a dollar of his own money, and ought they not to be answered before the city invests \$500,000 and assumes an additional indefinite liability?

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that in quoting from the by-law in an editorial we said that the money to be raised might be used for the railway "or any other purpose, etc.," whereas the by-law says "and any other purpose, etc." We make the correction, but do not think the substitution of the word "or" for "and" affected the argument, for in any case the powers of the trustees under the by-law would be construed by the courts to be confined to matters germane to the specified undertaking.

A ROAD TO OMINECA.

Not many matters of greater importance than the improvements of the facilities for reaching Omineca have occupied the attention of the Board of Trade. The Omineca district is one of great potentiality, although its development has been retarded by the lack of facilities. There is some danger that the Coast cities may find themselves cut out of this trade by reason of the country being tapped from the East. We may direct attention to the fact that a subsidy has been granted for a railway from Edmonton westward, and we know the intention of the promoters to be to reach out in some way for the business to be developed in Omineca.

In the meantime it is of the highest importance that Coast merchants should be placed in a position to handle the present trade to greater advantage than at present and to secure what additional business will be developed.

The value of the Omineca district is now established beyond all cavil. Next season will witness a great increase in the output of gold, for several hydraulic propositions will begin working. Very little attention has been paid to the mineralization of the district, for the reason that the distance from rail or water carriage is so great that nothing could be done with properties if they were discovered, but casual examination has disclosed the existence of ores of gold, copper and silver and lead. Coal has also been found. There is a good deal of land fit for settlement, and in fact the whole region only needs transportation facilities to take a foremost place in the march of progress now manifest in so many parts of the province. We hope the government will see its way clear to take this matter up, and we have to compliment Capt. Clifford, M.P., upon his energetic action in the premises.

Lord Roberts was very complimentary in his reference to what Canada has done and is about to do in the interests of the Empire; but it would be a mistake to suppose that the sending out of two contingents a little over 1,000

strong measures the willingness of the people of Canada to aid the Mother Land in her struggle. If the call were for five times the number, the people would nobly respond and would sustain the government in incurring the necessary expense. There is no complaint at what the government is doing; but there is complaint that more is not being done. As soon as the second contingent is at sea, preparations ought to be begun for a third. The people are ready to pay the bills. If Sir Wilfrid Laurier has any doubt about it, let him call parliament together and propose to send 10,000 men, and he will have a demonstration of willing loyalty that will echo around the world. Col. Prior, M.P., deals with this matter in a vigorous letter, which we print to-day.

Congratulations to Mr. H. R. Roberts upon his masterly presentation of David Garrick.

The Columbia says it is not inspired by the government, does not speak for the government and does not know what the government proposes to do. If our contemporary is not backing the Semlin-Cotton combination, then they are worse off than we thought.

The Vancouver merchants are keeping all records in the matter of advertising, that is of purely commercial advertising, in British Columbia. This is a very healthy sign and shows that the business men of the Terminal City are full of courage and energy. The two greatest cities on the Coast to-day from the advertising standpoint are Vancouver and Seattle.

Mr. Frank Richards, who is known to many people in British Columbia in connection with the Northern gold fields, sends us a copy of the prospectus of an expedition which he is organizing in England to go to Atlin next year. His plan is to organize one or more parties of fifty each. We rather like the idea. Fifty active young men with a little means and competent leaders ought to make a success of it anywhere in the Golden North.

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Whatever the price, we'll make it good,
And scorn to barter rights for gold.
We love our people—yet, by the Lord!
Woe to the foe who dares intrude!

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To fight the fight of right and wrong;
And myriads more on every hand
Press forth to swell the martial throng:
The proudest joy our nation boasts—
Each man a man—and men in hosts.

Our lands and seas are transient things;
Within ourselves our glory lies.
From valiant depths of greatness springs,
Our hearts foreshadow victories:
An empire's undivided will,
To show Britannia dauntless still.

Count not on friendship from without;
We trust our own salvation first.
The measure suits the hostile hand,
Can barely mask the hostile mind;
And strong men may be over-generous
To reproaches on bended knee—

Perfidious friends who take—not give,
Till giving and just half its grace;
A paltry band of traitors' fugitives,
The instinct of staid race—
A traitorous, friendly note,
When foes have seized them by the throat.

Away all such—beg no friends;
We fear no foe, we need no just.
We dedicate to higher ends
The souls that animate our dust.
Not ours to flatter, cringe or stoop;
But help—like men—the commonweal.

What tho' the hour is dark with care,
And sorrow brands our many hearts;
The best may grieve, but none despair,
While pain a nobler joy imparts.
Our star, in darkness, brighter glows
Than in the noonday of repose.

From out the turmoil and the strife,
Shall Britain rise with spotless fame,
And scale again in radiant life,
Victorious from the threat of shame.
And not the way of the world,
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—FREDERICK HAVING TAYLOR.
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The success or failure of your Xmas dinner depends on the eatables—the turkeys, the geese, the chickens, the plum pudding, the mince pies, the cakes, all must be good, or the Xmas dinner will be a disappointment. You can count on having them just as they should be, if you buy them here. It might be well to order them a few days in advance.

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A fine assortment of just those sizes and weights you require. Fine, juicy birds, hand bred and fattened to our order. They'll be just a bit better than any you'll see elsewhere, but no higher in price. You may order them now, and we'll deliver them any day before Xmas.

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AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING
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—Tickets 25c each.—
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Girls' Mackintoshes, new coat shape, fawn and navy blue, \$2.25 to 6.50.

Perfumes from Roger & Gallet and Ed. Pinaud. Soaps delicately perfumed by same makers.

This store is still enlarging and the latest addition is High Grade

Ladies' Tailoring,

This department is in charge of Mr. Brandt of New York, and customers can rely on the same high character of Ladies' Tailoring from his hands as dressmaking from the workrooms of Mrs. Angus. Sample styles are shown in Cloak department. Fitting rooms are those fronting on Government street lately used by Miss Mallette and adjoin the dressmaking fitting rooms.

VICTORIA TIDES.

[By Mr. Napier Denison.]

The zero of the accompanying scale corresponds to 14 feet of water in the channel of Shoal Point, and 18.6 feet above the sill of the Esquimalt dry dock.

Time.	Height above zero.	Time.	Height above zero.
Thursday, Dec. 21.		Friday, Dec. 22.	
7:55 a.m.	9.0 feet.	9:10 a.m.	2.6 feet.
12:40 p.m.	7.3 feet.	8:20 a.m.	8.9 feet.
4:01 p.m.	7.3 feet.	1:50 p.m.	6.5 feet.
		6:00 p.m.	8.1 feet.

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If you have none I will make it.

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Smoke "Nugget Cigar." Meiss & Co.

Bass' XXXX on draught at the Occidental.

All the tourists stay at the International Hotel, 40 Johnson street.

Air Tight Stoves, perfect beauties, at Clarke & Peavson.

Majestic Ranges at Cheapside.

Gen. White is all right, so are Kelowna Cigars. Wholesale at B. C. Jobbing Co., 31 Store street.

International Restaurant. Open all night.

Fine lot of Xmas Cigars. Call and see them. Meiss & Co.

Some beautiful effects in stylish French Curtains. You should not miss these. Weiler Bros.

Xmas week at Weiler Bros.' is a very busy season. This year they expect a larger business than usual. Call early and view their interesting stocks.

Meetings Postponed.—The W.C.T.U. meetings arranged for yesterday and next week have been postponed until after the Christmas holidays.

Please call at Russell's, 134 Douglas street, any time before Xmas. Bring the children with you. It will delight them and please you.

Will Meet at Colwood.—The Victoria Hunt Club members meet for their weekly run on Saturday at 2 o'clock, at Colwood.

The man on the street corner advertises his wares—by wind. If you buy and find you are sold, it's your fault. You take no chances in buying "Hond." Ask all those friends of yours who use it.

Holiday presents, comprising English Dram Flasks, Silver-Mounted Pipes, Shaving, Sporting and Pocket Cutlery, Skates, Boxing Gloves, Footballs, Pouching Bags, Golf Goods, Fishing Tackle, Shooting Jackets, Cartridge Vests, Sporting Supplies, etc., at Henry Short & Sons', 72 Douglas street.

The Williams B. C. Directory will be published about the 1st of April or sooner, completely revised and corrected up to date. A complete index of the Mineral Act of 1896, with Revised Statutes as amended 1898 and 1899; also index to Placer Mining Act, 1891, and amendments of 1899-1900, if any, will be a new feature.

Come early and get your choice while there is a large assortment to pick from. Perfumes, Perfume Atomizers, Ebony Brushes, Mirrors, etc., Travelling Cases, Dressing Cases and a host of other good things. P. W. Fawcett & Co., 49 Government street.

Science for the Children.—In connection with the annual Christmas treat for the children of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church to be held this evening, there will be an illustration of the working of the Roentgen ray, this new implement of science being explained in plain terms for the benefit of the little people.

Seaskins May Travel.—The regulations regarding the admission of fur seal skin garments into the United States have been so far amended that hereafter no questions are to be asked as to when the garment was bought, or whether the skins are of seals caught before December 20, 1897. By making an affidavit before a United States consul, that he or she does not intend to dispose of said fur seal skin in the United States, but intends to return with the same to Canada, any person in the Dominion can

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PERFUMES, TRAVELING CASES, TOILET CASES, ETC.

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take any seal skin garment into the States that they may desire, without any detention or inconvenience.

To Entertain Orphans.—The Animated Specialty Company at 80 1/2 Douglas street have kindly offered to entertain the children of the Orphans' Home free with a fine programme of life motion pictures on Saturday afternoon.

Four Months for Dishonesty.—The little Japanese house-servant Yoi Abe, who was apprehended with a quantity of jewellery and a sum of money in her possession belonging to Mrs. Bishop, her employer, was yesterday sentenced to four months at hard labor. She had confessed her guilt.

Ball Accounts.—The Fifth Regiment ball committee held their meeting last night but were unable to close their business as all the accounts had not been paid in. Businessmen holding accounts against the committee are requested to send same, addressed to C. W. Holley, secretary, Drill hall, not later than Tuesday.

Who Has Lost Coal Oil?—The city police gathered in yesterday a notorious sneak thief registered as Ah Seng, against whom innumerable convictions have been recorded in the past. He had a quantity of groceries and a five-gallon tin of coal oil in his possession, and is liable to give a satisfactory explanation of where he obtained the several articles. The police would be glad to hear from anyone who has missed such property.

Saved of Blackmail.—The charge of selling liquor during prohibited hours, which had been preferred against the Queen's hotel by an ex-boarder named Campbell, was yesterday morning dismissed by Magistrate Hall, who expressed the opinion that the prosecution against the hotel was a case of blackmail. As there was a doubt created by the contradictory character of the evidence, the court decided to give the house the benefit.

Christmas Treat.—The little folk of the Baptist mission, Burnside road, were honored with the first visit from Santa Claus this season, on Wednesday evening, when after a really first class programme of songs, recitations, and other exercises, the patron saint of children made his appearance, looking as healthy and hearty and jolly as in days of yore, and distributed gifts for all from a well-filled tree.

Remembered the Little Folk.—It is the unanimous opinion of the first folk of the Protestant Orphanage that they have no truer or dearer friend than Miss Dunlop, the lady who has so kindly and freely undertaken their kindergarten instruction for some time past. On Tuesday evening she made a particularly happy by giving her appreciative pupils a genuine Christmas treat, the gifts being well selected, and the happiness of the recipients complete.

Holiday Train Service.—For the convenience of holiday travellers between the various points on the line of the Island railway, the management of the E. & N. railway announce that excursion tickets will be on sale to and from all stations, available for the going journey on the 23rd, 24th and 25th, and for return not later than Tuesday, December 26. Special arrangements will also be made for New Year's travellers.

Organ Recital.—At the last of the series of Advent organ recitals to be given on Sunday evening Mr. Longfield will be assisted by the following vocalists: Miss Loewen, Miss Jameson, Mrs. Janion and Major Munro; violinist, Mr. E. Powell, and assistant organist, Mr. Joseph Longfield. In addition to singing a selection from the "Messiah," Mrs. Janion will sing a hymn of intercession for soldiers at the front written by R. H. Featherston, copies of which will be supplied to the congregation.

For Hearing Today.—The case of the Chinese thief Gung Wah Sing, self-confessed of the theft of a box full of clothing belonging to a brother Celestial, will be disposed of in the city police court this morning, when it is possible several of the witnesses will be arranged either as thieves or accessories. From their own testimony they were all aware of the stolen box being brought to the cabin that is their common home, and to prevent such appearances all have since been detained as necessary witnesses. The company, who are suspected of constituting a dishonest gang, includes Ah Foe, Ah Fong, Ah Bow, Ah Sam, Ah Hui, Ah Hing, Ah Koi, Fok Sam, Ah Chue and Ah Him—although they had given altogether different versions on being first interviewed by the police.

Youthful Contributions.—Following is a list of the school children who have already contributed donations to the Friendly Holy Society: The Society, Eva M. Thompson, Ethel G. Wilson, M. Lucy, F. J. Wilson, John Doe, Anna Nole, Willie Carter, Fred C. Carter, Dolan Maltby, Olive Crowther, James Dalzell, Edith Cortes, Edith Lawrence, Joe Davidson, Mrs. Brunsley, Edith Brynolfson, Freeman Brynolfson, Gladys Hocking, Annie McGregor, Gertrude Mutton, Violet Graham, Violet Cameron, Myrtle Holmes, Millie Davis, Eva Dressdale, Ashton Graham, Gerald Graham, Neil Gave, James Stuart, Joe Stuart, Frank Cameron, Edith E. Wilson, James G. Wilkinson, Hazel M. McKittick, Jack Heyland, Two little girls, Bertie Chance, Georgina Babbington, Katie and Herman Harburger, Elaine McKittick.

Closing of the Schools.—Parents and friends interested in the cause of education are cordially invited to attend the closing exercises at the public schools of the city this afternoon, the proceedings being times to fill in the usual school hours from 9:30 until noon, while the North Ward announces as an extra feature a varied programme by the pupils in the afternoon, and the High School will also assemble voluntarily at 2 o'clock for the presentation by H. C. Honor, the Lieutenant-Governor of the Governor General's medals, and the competitive drill for the flag presented by Ald. Hayward. The boys of the Central have arranged a very interesting programme for presentation from 11 to noon. As the simultaneous closing will prevent all the trustees attending all the schools, the visiting list has been made up as follows, each trustee addressing a separate school: North Ward, Mr. McCandless; Hillside, Mrs. Gordon Grant; Victoria West, Mr. Hart; High school, Mr. Bayne; Spring Ridge, Mr. Marchant; Kingston street and South Park, Mr. McKittick; Girls' Central, Mrs. William Grant; and Boys' Central, Superintendent Eaton. There will be no general promotion lists this Christmas, the examinations—except for the High School—being held only at midsummer.

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VICTORIA TO AFRICA.

Message Containing Christmas Greetings May Be Sent to Boys at the Front.

The committee who arranged the several successful patriotic concerts in aid of the Mansion House fund, are considering the advisability of sending a cablegram to Captain Blanchard containing Christmas greetings from Victoria to the British Columbia members of the Canadian contingent now in South Africa, and no doubt the suggestion will be acted upon. It is felt that such an act would be much appreciated by "the boys," now at the front, who would thereby be reminded, even in the dim of battle, that friends thousands of miles away have remembered them, on an occasion which all the world celebrates. The cablegram would contain perhaps twenty words, and the cost of transmission at out \$30. Some are of the opinion that it would be a proper act for the city to undertake the duty of sending an official message containing Victoria's Christmas greetings, the despatch to be signed by Mayor Reid.

Suit for Damages.—In the county court yesterday, Mr. Justice Drake presiding, the action of Captain Land vs. the J. L. Card Steamship and Trading Co., for damages for dismissal was heard. Judgment was reserved. Mr. Alexis Martin appeared for the plaintiff and Mr. F. Peters, Q. C., for the defendants.

Narrow Escape.—Mrs. Bush, wife of Engineer Bush of the fire department is to be congratulated because of her narrow escape from drowning. She was crossing from West Dawson on Friday afternoon and broke through a log. Had it not been for the prompt assistance of Messrs. A. J. Bell and W. L. Hamilton, both employees of the gold commissioner's, we should have had occasion to record a most distressing death—one which would have thrown the entire community into mourning.—Yukon Sun.

Willison Resigns.—Crown Timber Inspector Willison, of the Klondike, has signified to the Canadian government his desire to give up the office which he has held for nearly two years past. He announced his resignation to the Ottawa government early in November, and as soon as it is accepted he will engage in mining ventures. Inspector Willison recently made an extended tour of some of the principal creeks of the Klondike, notably Bonanza, Eldorado, Dominion and Hunter, and upon his return to Dawson he declared that he found more work being done on Dominion than on all the other streams of the district combined. "But," he said, "there is great activity of the creeks. Where mining is not an actual progress, the preparation for it, are under way."

New Office.—A. D. Charlton, assistant general passenger agent of the Northern Pacific at Portland, and J. A. New, Seattle agent, visited Vancouver, where they established a general agency for the Northern Pacific. J. O. McMillan has been appointed general agent, and J. J. Salisbury, assistant. The new office will be located in the passenger car building, after the fashion of the Canadian Pacific. The new office is situated on the corner of the road to the Main and Union streets. For several years he has been associated with Alex. Tilling in the Tacoma office. Mr. Salisbury has for several years been connected with the Canadian Pacific railway, both in Seattle and at Vancouver.

Insurance Rates.—Instead of the fire insurance rates being increased as a result of Mr. Diddwell Davenport's report to the fire underwriters on the fire and water systems of the cities of Vancouver and Victoria, in Victoria at least, particularly if a few changes in the water mains, suggested by the underwriters are carried out, Mr. Davenport speaks very highly of the fire department and the discipline, and Victoria scores high in the report on all points with the exception of that of water pressure. In conversation with insurance men yesterday it was learned that if the pressure was increased the rates would certainly be reduced. To do this it would be necessary to extend the 24-inch main to the lake. At present the water leaves the lake in a 12-inch main and half way to town enters the 24-inch main and then again the smaller main. The idea was that in the city the pressure is now more than 45 pounds, making it necessary to use steam engines at most fires.

To bring Victoria up to the standard fixed by the underwriters the pressure should be increased by at least 40 pounds and longer mains laid on many of the streets, Government and Wharf streets for example being at present supplied by 6 and 4 inch mains respectively.

A splendid assortment of fancy tables, chairs, what-nots, cabinets, etc. at Weiler Bros.

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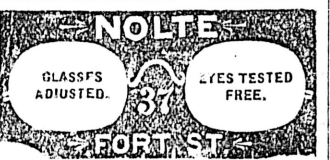
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The Westside Store News.

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Check and Stripe Silks, suitable for blouses, 65c 70c \$1 and 50cts. All our choicest Check and Stripe Silks will be sold this week at \$1.25

Cold Taffeta, all shades, 75 cents. worth \$1.00, this week. Cold Gro Grain, all shades, 90cts. worth \$1.25, this week.

We have just received today a large stock of black Bengallines, black Failles black Brocades, black Taffetas, black Pen-de-Soie and black Duchesse satin.

Silk Hose

WHAT a world of comfort, luxury and prettiness! A thoughtful thing to give.

Ladies' Silk Plaited Hose, assorted opera shades, 90c, and 65cts. Ladies' black and colored (Silk) Plaited Hose, lace ankles, 45 cents and \$1.00. Ladies' special black Silkspun Hose.....\$1.50

Belts for Gifts

THERE are two ways of inviting you to see the Christmas collection of Belts—to tell of the many handsome ones and describe their beauties, or to tell you of the new

Dog Collar Belt, we have them \$1.75. Plain black and tan Leather Belts.....35cts to 75cts. Fancy elastic Enamelled and Sequin designs.....\$2.00.

FURS

FASHION is agog over the small furs, cluster—scarfs collarettes and muffs.

A large stock of grey Opposum Collars...from \$2 to \$5. Muffs to match....\$2.00 to \$4.00. Lynx Collarettes.....\$4.50. Lynx Muffs to match.....\$4.50

Collarettes of different styles and qualities of Fur, \$6.50, \$7.50, \$10.50, \$14, and a few of those beauties at.....16.50. Muffs to match any of the above.

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Silk Ties beautifully designed, 35cts. Lace Ties as now worn.....75cts. The new Flowing Silk Tie, 75 cents and.....\$1.00. Silk Ties, plain Colored, Silk Fingeds,.....75 cents and \$1.00.

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Canada's Duty At Present.

Col. Prior Discusses the Sending of a Contingent to South Africa.

Lack of Patriotism in High Places and Strange Attitude of Quebec.

To the Editor of the Colonist:

Sir: As it is now admitted by the Times and other leading English papers that the danger to the British Empire, by reason of the South African trouble, has reached an acute stage I feel that it is not improper for me as one of the public men of Canada to say a few words in regard to the assistance which I think the Dominion should give to the Motherland in this struggle. I do not wish to make political capital out of this matter, because I feel that the present crisis in the history of the Empire is far and away too serious to be brought into party strife, but, however my language and motives may be misconstrued by "Little Englanders" and other small souls, I should be derelict in my duty to my constituents and my country if I abstained from fearlessly attempting to show where I think there is a serious danger to the well being, safety, and honor of Canada. In the first place let me say that I am convinced that the large majority of the members of the government at Ottawa, as well as the large majority of the Liberals of Canada, are willing and anxious that Canada should bear her share in the defence of the Empire by furnishing men and money for the South African war. But I am sorry to say that there is a small but very influential and active minority in the cabinet that seems determined to do all in its power to prevent Canada taking any part in or supplying any funds to the same. Sir Wilfrid Laurier when first the question of sending a contingent was mooted evidently did not think it was the right thing to do, and made all sorts of excuses, such as "The law is against sending the militia out of the country." "There is no menace to Canada." "How can we do so without parliament granting us the money," etc., etc., but I am glad to say that the overwhelming evidence soon presented to him showed that the people of Canada, almost unanimously wished the contingent to be sent, and he changed his attitude and allowed the men to go. I have therefore no more to say about the Premier. But there was another member of the cabinet who was, and is still, a most persistent opponent to any assistance being granted to the Motherland. I refer to Hon. J. Israel Tarte, the minister of public works. I Tarte was not at all surprised to see by this morning's telegraphic news in the Colonist that the government had not yet decided as to whether they would send a second contingent or not, or if they did, whether they would stand the expense of the same or let Great Britain pay for it.

Why this delay at this most important time when every moment is of the greatest value? Simply, we are told, because Mr. Tarte with a certain following are

kicking vigorously against any expense being incurred by Canada in the transaction, even if the troops are allowed to go at all. I am aware that some will say: "Those telegraphic despatches are only sent by some Conservative reporter in Ottawa to make capital for his party," but I contend that they must be read in the light of what we know took place before the first contingent went, and in conjunction with the editorials published in Mr. Tarte's paper and mouthpiece, La Patrie. This paper has asked on several occasions in reference to this Transvaal trouble, "What have we to do with the things in Africa? Why should we interfere?" "What interests have we in the Transvaal?" "Why should we take the money and the blood of our people to spend them in such far away regions?" etc., etc. Mr. Tarte in this paper also announced that the project of sending a contingent had probably been prepared by Gen. Hutton, and he threatened that he would be dismissed for it. He also stated, after the first contingent had gone, that "We have consented this time, but I do not wish the operation to be repeated on the next occasion." Only the other day this same paper, La Patrie, in describing a new torpedo boat that France had designed, and showing what a deadly weapon of war it was, concludes the article by saying: "It is very easy to see what the result would be if the French and English navies ever came in contact."

As to the outrageous political pamphlets you quote, and which were scattered broadcast in Quebec before the general elections of 1896, I can only say that several similar ones were shown me after the elections. These plainly show the unworthy means employed by the disloyal minority to obtain votes for their party.

Now, sir, I contend that the retention in the cabinet of a man holding such opinions as Mr. Tarte evidently does in regard to the defence of the British Empire, and who on every possible occasion publishes them in his paper, is a standing disgrace to Canada and a serious menace to the well being of our Dominion. What is the meaning of all these quotations I have given when made by a man who has been sworn in as a privy councillor and who holds the most important portfolio in the cabinet? They would be base enough in all conscience made by some entirely unknown and unimportant person, but when made by one holding such a distinguished position as Mr. Tarte does I say, in my opinion, they come perilously near to what many a man in the days gone by has lost his head for. And I believe every loyal man and woman in Canada will agree with me. Let the Liberals of Canada show that their loyalty is not merely lip service by insisting on the cabinet being purged of such a man, and I am sure the party will gain in strength by such action. Do not let me be understood as meaning that French-Canadians as a body are disloyal. Far from it. Both sides of politics have men like Sir Henri Joly, Sir Adolphe Caron, Senator Forget, Mayor Prefontaine, Mr. Bergeron, Mr. Casgrain and hundreds of thousands of other French-Canadians who are as loyal to the British crown as any men in Canada or England, but Mr. Tarte is for ever, for political purposes, raising the race and religion card, and thus pandering to the worst passions of the Quebec nation. Is it to be wondered at that in a French-Canadian population of some two millions he can get some following even on such a desperate cry? Writing on this subject brings to mind the grand lines of Tennyson's poem, "Britons, Guard Your

Own," the fifth verse of which runs as follows: "Vive l'Empereur" may follow by and by; "God Save the Queen" is here a truer cry; God save the nation, The toleration, And the free speech that makes a Briton known.

Britons, guard your own.

And that is the best answer I can give to La Patrie why Canada should "interfere" in South Africa. "Britons, guard your own." Great Britain has been challenged by a country that has refused rights to Britons that they themselves are granted everywhere the Union Jack floats; her territory has been invaded by a foe who has been preparing secretly for years for this combat. Canada being part, the banner colony, of the great British Empire, it is as much to her interest to see the Empire maintained as it is that of England, Scotland or Ireland. Who, I would ask, guards our shores from her ships; who protects our commerce on the high seas, and enables us to lie down at night in peace and security knowing that none dare molest us? It is Great Britain. And what do we pay for all this? Absolutely nothing. Not a dollar do we pay for it. That being the case, I cannot conceive that there is a man in Canada who can be so contemptibly small, so unmanly, mean, as to grudge paying a small something to assist the Motherland when she stands in danger, as she does now, of being left in "splendid isolation" to face the whole world. Great Britain spends 45 per cent. of her total revenue for Imperial defence, of which all the colonies get equal benefit without being taxed for it. Her taxpayers for naval and military defence lie rose upon their decks, and he cried, "I have fought for queen and faith like a valiant man and true: I have only done my duty, as a man is bound to do."

With a joyful spirit I, Sir Richard Grenville, die!" And he fell upon their decks, and he died."

I must apologize for the length of this letter, but it is a theme that draws a man on almost against his will. Let me end it by again quoting "Britons, guard your own."

E. G. PRIOR.

Letters to the Editor.

"SONS OF THE EMPIRE."

Sir: In your issue of Thursday last I see "A Devonian" advocate the formation of a society to be called the "Sons of Devonshire." Now, to my mind it is entirely too narrow-minded. Regarding my own birth-place I cannot say whether it is in Warwickshire or Staffordshire, another is in Worcestershire, and the other in Staffordshire. Why not take a more liberal view of the matter and let a society be formed to be called the Sons of the British Empire? I have lived in the Dominion of Canada some 10 years and all my family have been raised there and look upon Canada as our country.

J. E. PAINTER.

ANTI-BRITISH CITIZENS.

Sir: Having noticed a letter in the "Colonist" re the exhibition of flags other than British in shop windows. Thinking that the allusion might be considered by some to refer to myself, may I be permitted to state that the little ornamental flags on my cakes were imported from Great Britain, and are the same as used for

Christmas decorations in England and other parts of the British Empire, and were placed in my window without any knowledge as to whether national or political significance.

I trust that I have not in any way offended the feelings of any British subject; in conclusion I beg to say that the words "Anti-British Citizen" does not or ever as applied to.

Yours Respectfully,
CALEDONIAN BAKERY,
112 Yates St.

DON'T LET US FORGET.

Sir: Your correspondent signing "J. M. M." has evidently struck something in the shape of a mare's nest. The one thing Britishers are inclined to be proud of is the fact that upwards of seventy thousand men with supplies, etc., have been landed and sent to the front within ten weeks from the time the Boers crossed the border, and that without interfering with ordinary traffic.

It took Spain years, and then mostly by British ships, to put her armies in her foreign possessions, and so far she has been unable to re-transport all of them.

To quote another instance, France took three months to transport 10,000 men to Madagascar, the contract for part of her supplies being on patriotic grounds let to a French firm, but was ultimately carried out by an English company to whom it was sublet.

W. S. G.

DR. CAMPBELL'S SERMON.

Sir: I have not long been a resident in this part of the world and for that reason unacquainted with your institutions and freedom of speech, but I am surprised that no one has made any remark on the prodigious sermon preached by Dr. Campbell in the First Presbyterian church as reported in your paper of the 19th inst.

Who are the incompetent generals and superior officers? Surely not Generals Buller, Gatacre, Methuen, Vauchope or White? General Vauchope led the Highland Brigade at Magersfontein and paid for that surprise with his life. Chaplain Robertson states that "although the kopjies and ridges appeared deserted yet they swarmed with men." The Highland Brigade advanced against an invincible enemy, a position chosen, and prepared by the Boers with weeks of preparation.

General Gatacre was misled by his guide or guides, surrounded as he apparently is by treason and treachery without any reliable information that he fell into an ambushade is not to be wondered at.

Gen. Buller by yesterday's news apparently could not draw the enemy's fire and so discover his position. I am not apologizing for these generals; they have had a sad experience and it is to be hoped will profit by the lesson, but at the same time what authority has Dr. Campbell to say that Colonels McDonald or Mathias would have done any better? Is it true that the generals in command are placed in these responsible positions only by accident of birth, wealth or influence? Or have they no previous record? The English nation are only too prone to criticize their countrymen without comparing their deeds and failures with those of other nations. Take the continent of Europe; of these Germany is without much if any experience of this kind of warfare; France has not a clean sheet in either Tonquin, Madagascar or Mexico; Russia (if my memory does not fail me—I am getting old) lost a few thousands in getting to Merv; Italy found Abyssinia a hard nut to

crack; Spain has had her reverses. Yet because we are not always successful we are led by incompetent generals, etc.

I was a well grown lad during the Crimean war time. I was in India under the Honorable East India Company during the dark days of the Mutiny. I have lived in India many days of my life and seen many small wars of sorts, and in all if any mishap it has always been the cry "incompetence of generals;" no allowance made for the difficulties of their position, and yet we have won through and probably shall again.

I am not a soldier, so I am not sticking up for my cloth, but as an Englishman I think until we know more about it such scathing remarks as those made by Dr. Campbell are quite uncalled for and do far more harm than good. More difficult positions than our generals are in at present, and have been in, it is difficult to imagine.

December 21, 1899.

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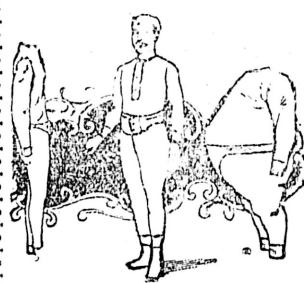
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THE WEATHER.

Meteorological Office,
Victoria, Dec. 21.—8 p.m.
SYNOPSIS.

The barometer has risen over British Columbia and the high area continues to hover over the Pacific slope, being still central between the American ranges. Heavy rain and strong winds have prevailed along the Washington coast. Temperatures have increased, ranging from 38 to 58. Unsettled weather conditions may be expected to continue.

TEMPERATURES.

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	47	53
New Westminster	40	50
Kamloops	36	48
Barkerville	32	38
Calgary	6	48
Winnipeg	22	40
Portland, Ore.	42	58
San Francisco	58	59

FORECASTS.

For 24 hours from 5 a.m. (Pacific time) Friday:
Victoria and Vicinity—Moderate to fresh winds, partly cloudy, with occasional rain.
Lower Mainland—Easterly winds; chiefly cloudy, with rains.

VICTORIA DAILY RECORD.

Report for 24 hours ending 5 p.m. Observations taken daily at 5 a.m., noon and 5 p.m.

THURSDAY, Dec. 21.

Hour	Temp.	Wind
5 a.m.	52	Mean
Noon	51	Highest
5 p.m.	50	Lowest
The velocity and direction of the wind were as follows:		
5 a.m.	20 miles west.	
Noon	24 miles west.	
5 p.m.	12 miles west.	
Average state of weather—Cloudy with showers.		
Rain—	41 inch.	
Barometer at noon—Observed	30.230	
Corrected	30.217	

PASSENGERS AND CONSIGNEES.

For these lists, crowded by advertising from their usual place, see Seventh page.

THE DEAF MUTES.

Miss Merritt Thanks the Public for the Assistance Given Her.

The following letter has been received from Miss Helen Merritt:

I would express most grateful thanks to all the people whose kind assistance has permitted me to keep those unfortunate children under my instruction long enough to enable them to give such a public demonstration of their intellectual and physical capacity for achievement as was clearly shown last evening.

I am strongly inclined to believe that two months more improvement as that shown during the past month would fit one of them for entrance to the public school.

HELEN WILLARD MERRITT.

Miss Merritt's school for deaf and dumb pupils will be in session from one o'clock until four, from the 2nd to the 5th of January inclusive. The public are invited to visit it at any of those hours.

Chamberlain

Is Pleased.

His Letter to Governor General
After Sending the First
Contingent.

Appointments to the Provincial
Service Noted in the Official
Gazette.

Yesterday's issue of the British Columbia Gazette promulgates the following communication from Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain to His Excellency the Governor-General, in which the Colonial Secretary acknowledges with thanks Canada's contributions to the Imperial forces in South Africa, and fittingly comments upon the proofs of colonial devotion to the throne and flag that the past few months have produced:

Downing Street, Nov. 15, 1899.
My Lord: I received from you on the 2nd inst. a copy of an approved minute of the Dominion Privy Council dated the 14th of October, 1899, in which your ministers authorized the equipment and despatch of 1,000 volunteers for service with the Imperial troops in South Africa. The great enthusiasm and the general eagerness to take an active part in the military expedition which has unfortunately been found necessary for the maintenance of British rights and interests in South Africa have afforded much gratification to Her Majesty's government and the people of this country. The desire thus exhibited to share in the risks of the Empire has been welcomed, not only as a proof of the staunch loyalty of the Dominion and of its sympathy with the policy pursued by Her Majesty's government in South Africa, but also as an expression of the growing feeling of the unity and solidarity of the Empire which has marked the relations of the Mother Country with the colonies during recent years. The thanks of Her Majesty's government are specially due to your ministers for the cordial manner in which they have undertaken and carried through the work of organizing and equipping the Canadian contingent.

I have, etc.,
J. CHAMBERLAIN.
Among the business announcements contained in the current Gazette are notices of the incorporation of the following companies: The Western Mercantile Co., of Nelson, capital \$50,000; the Gold-Copper Mines, of Cranbrook, capital \$500,000; the Mountain View Copper Co., of Greenwood, capital \$500,000; Hillside Silver Mines Co., of Kaslo, capital \$150,000; People's Trading Stamp Co., of Vancouver, capital \$50,000; Greenwood Electric Company of Greenwood, capital \$75,000; and Caldwell Mines, Limited, of Rossland, capital \$100,000. Notice is given of application to the legislature at its approaching session for a private act incorporating a new telephone company—probably carrying into effect the pending

arrangements for the establishment of a long distance line connecting this city, Nanaimo, Vancouver, and New Westminster—while the annual general meeting of the Victoria & Sidney Railway Co. is announced to be held at the Hillside avenue offices in this city at 10 a.m. on the 27th instant. A special general meeting of the shareholders of the Arrowhead & Kootenay Railway Co. is advertised for January 29, at the C.P.R. offices in Montreal, the directors also meeting at the same time and place.

Among the week's appointments are noted the selection of Thomas A. Wilson of Trout Lake as a provincial coroner; of William F. Gurd of Cranbrook; and E. A. Carey-Gibson of 150-Mile House, as notaries public; and of Wm. McQueen, Rossland; John Hemer, Cedar; and J. B. Burr, Ladner, as justices of the peace.

Tenders for the restaurant privileges during the approaching session of the legislature are invited by an advertisement of the provincial secretary's, all bids to be in the hands of that minister by to-morrow.

Salmon Arm school district has been divided by the council of public instruction, and will hereafter consist of two districts—Salmon Arm East and Salmon Arm West.

A court of revision and appeal for Northeast Kootenay is to be held at Golden on the 29th instant.

COMRADES IN ARMS.

Incidents of African Battlefields Showing How Hard Fighters Carry Kind Hearts.

London, Dec. 21.—Letters from British officers and soldiers fighting in the Transvaal and lengthy descriptions from war correspondents that filter into print through the mails, teem with thrilling and pathetic incidents. Writing to his mother, a young officer in the Manchester Regiment, in one of the first engagements, relates that while he lay on the hillside expecting to die, through the night which had already fallen, bleeding from a bad wound in his thigh and shivering with cold, there stumbled over him a "Tommy" of my company named Rogers. This "Tommy" quickly whipped off his own overcoat, placed it around the boy officer and laying it down put his arms around him and for the rest of the long cold night kept him "beautifully warm." And there are many being told many such incidents of tenderness and bravery that wipe out differences in rank.

HAVANA TRAMWAYS.
New York, Dec. 21.—All the street railway interests in the city of Havana were consolidated to-day at a meeting in the office of the treasurer of the Havana Electric Railway Co., in this city, thus ending a contest begun more than a year ago.

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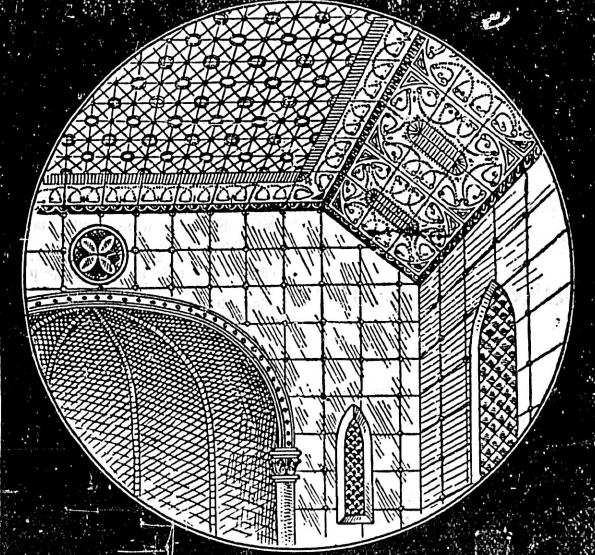
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